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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in this application.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Lack of Unity Requirement

Claims 1-11 are drawn to more than one inventive concept (as defined by PCT Rule 13), and accordingly, a restriction is required according to the provision of PCT Rule 13.2.

PCT Rule 13.2 states that the international application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (requirement of unity of invention).

PCT Rule 13.2 states unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features.

Annex B, Part 1 (b), provides that "special technical features" mean those technical features, which, as a whole, define a contribution over the prior art.

Annex B, Part 1 (e), provides combinations of different categories of claims and states:

"The method for determining unity of invention under Rule 13 shall be construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one of the following combinations of claims of different categories in the same international application:

(i) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claims for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for use of the said product, or

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(ii) in addition to an independent claim for a given process, an independent claim for an apparatus or means specially designed for carrying out the said process, or

(iii) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, and independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for an apparatus or means specially designed for carrying out the said process,..."

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Due to the numerous variables in the claims, e.g. **R₁**, **R₂**, **R₃**, **R₆**, **R₉**, **R₁₀**, **n**, **m** etc. and their widely divergent meanings, a precise listing of inventive groups cannot be made. ***The following groups are exemplary:***

Group I claim(s) 1-11 (in part), are drawn to a compound of formula (I) wherein: **X₁** is a **-NR₆-CO** group; **R₁** is thiophene where thiophene may also be substituted by one or more independent groups as defined in claim 1; **R₆** is selected from a group consisting of hydrogen or a C1-C6 alkyl with a linear or branched chain; the broken line indicates a possible double bond and **m** and **n** may be independently 0, 1, 2; **R₉** and **R₁₀** are independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl group or may be connected to form a phenyl group; **X₂** is as defined in claim 1; **R₂** is selected from aryl-alkyl or aryl radical where the aryl is selected from a group consisting of benzene, naphthalene and diphenyl, and may be optionally substituted as defined in claim 1; **R₃** contains at least a basic amino group and is **R₄-X₃-R₅** where **R₄** is NR₆ amino group; **X₃** is as defined in claim 1; and **R₅** is a group selected from **-NR₁₁R₁₂** and **OR₁₁** where **R₁₁** and **R₁₂** are independently hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl, classified in various subclasses in class 549.

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Group II claim(s) 1-11 (in part), are drawn to a compound of formula (I) wherein:

X_1 is a $-NR_6-CO$ group; R_1 is thiophene where thiophene may also be substituted by one or more independent groups as defined in claim 1; R_6 is selected from a group consisting of hydrogen or a C1-C6 alkyl with a linear or branched chain; the broken line indicates a possible double bond and m and n may be independently 0, 1, 2; R_9 and R_{10} are independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl group or may be connected to form a phenyl group; X_2 is as defined in claim 1; R_2 is selected from aryl-alkyl or aryl radical where the aryl is selected from a group consisting of benzene, naphthalene and diphenyl, and may be optionally substituted as defined in claim 1; R_3 contains at least a basic amino group and is $R_4-X_3-R_5$ where R_4 is pyrrole; X_3 is as defined in claim 1; and R_5 is a group selected from $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ and OR_{11} where R_{11} and R_{12} are independently hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl, classified in various subclasses in class 548.

Group III claim(s) 1-11 (in part), are drawn to a compound of formula (I) wherein:

X_1 is a $-NR_6-CO$ group; R_1 is thiophene where thiophene may also be substituted by one or more independent groups as defined in claim 1; R_6 is selected from a group consisting of hydrogen or a C1-C6 alkyl with a linear or branched chain; the broken line indicates a possible double bond and m and n may be independently 0, 1, 2; R_9 and R_{10} are independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl group or may be connected to form a phenyl group; X_2 is as defined in claim 1; R_2 is selected from aryl-alkyl or aryl radical where the aryl is selected from a group consisting of benzene, naphthalene and diphenyl, and may be optionally substituted as defined in claim 1; R_3 contains at least a basic amino group and is $R_4-X_3-R_5$ where R_4 is piperidine; X_3 is as defined in claim 1; and R_5 is a group

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selected from $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ and OR_{11} where R_{11} and R_{12} are independently hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl, classified in various subclasses in class 546.

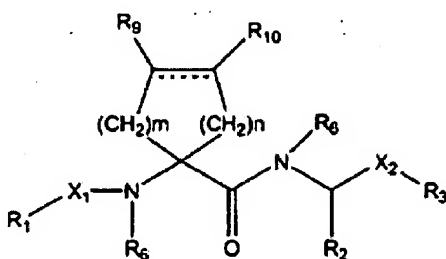
Group IV claim(s) 11-11 (in part), are drawn to a compound of formula (I) wherein: X_1 is a $-NR_6-CO$ group; R_1 is thiophene where thiophene may also be substituted by one or more independent groups as defined in claim 1; R_6 is selected from a group consisting of hydrogen or a C1-C6 alkyl with a linear or branched chain; the broken line indicates a possible double bond and m and n may be independently 0, 1, 2; R_9 and R_{10} are independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl group or may be connected to form a phenyl group; X_2 is as defined in claim 1; R_2 is selected from aryl-alkyl or aryl radical where the aryl is selected from a group consisting of benzene, naphthalene and diphenyl, and may be optionally substituted as defined in claim 1; R_3 contains at least a basic amino group and is $R_4-X_3-R_5$ where R_4 is piperazine; X_3 is as defined in claim 1; and R_5 is a group selected from $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ and OR_{11} where R_{11} and R_{12} are independently hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl, classified in various subclasses in class 544.

Group V claim(s) 1-11 (in part), are drawn to a compound of formula (I) wherein: X_1 is a $-NR_6-CO$ group; R_1 is thiophene where thiophene may also be substituted by one or more independent groups as defined in claim 1; R_6 is selected from a group consisting of hydrogen or a C1-C6 alkyl with a linear or branched chain; the broken line indicates a possible double bond and m and n may be independently 0, 1, 2; R_9 and R_{10} are independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl group or may be connected to form a phenyl group; X_2 is as defined in claim 1; R_2 is selected from aryl-alkyl or aryl radical where the aryl is selected from a group consisting of benzene, naphthalene and diphenyl, and may

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be optionally substituted as defined in claim 1; R_3 contains at least a basic amino group and is $R_4-X_3-R_5$ where R_4 is morpholine; X_3 is as defined in claim 1; and R_5 is a group selected from $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ and OR_{11} where R_{11} and R_{12} are independently hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl, classified in various subclasses in class 544.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Again, **this list is not exhausted**, as it would be impossible under the time constraints due to the sheer volume of subject matter instantly claimed. Therefore, applicant may choose to elect a single invention by identifying another specific embodiment not listed in the exemplary groups of the invention and examiner will endeavor to group the same. **If applicant is unable to elect a single invention, applicant may instead choose to elect a specific compound and examiner will attempt to group it.** The claims herein lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2 since the compounds defined in the claims lack a significant structural element qualifying as the special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art (See, Astolfi, et al., for example). The



compounds claimed contain

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define a contribution over the prior art. The compounds vary in classification and when taken as a whole result in vastly different compounds. Accordingly, the vastness of the claimed subject matter and the complications in understanding the claimed subject

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matter imposes a burden on any examination of the claimed subject matter.

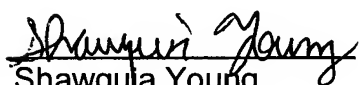
Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Telephone Inquiry

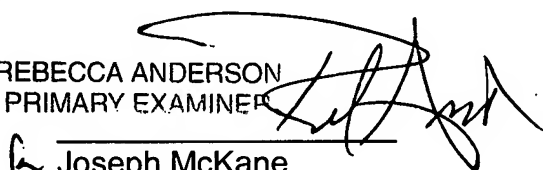
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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